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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

7. Description

Valhalla is a two story rectangular shaped nineteenth century house of ashlar construction of local Seneca sandstone to which are attached a circa 1835 story and a half log structure and two twentieth century small scaled one story frame wings. The structure was built in two sections: the eastern portion which has a three bay symmetrical facade (north elevation) and a two room plan on the interior was constructed about 1835 and the western section also with a three bay facade (north elevation) but a side hall and parlor interior arrangement between 1855 and 1865. The interior of the house has simple classical influenced woodwork dating primarily from the 1855 to 1865 period when the western section was added and the interior of the eastern section was damaged by fire. The interior of the log section has the logs exposed and contains a large stone fireplace. The property is further enhanced by a circa 1830 stone dairy building and a frame nineteenth century barn.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Valhalla is located on the south side of White's Ferry Road, about three miles west of the intersection of Route 107 with Route 109 at Poolesville, Maryland, in the northwest section of Montgomery County, Maryland. A tree-lined driveway of about .2 miles leads to the house and outbuildings. The house is surrounded by broad lawns, large shade trees, and has a boxwood garden on the west side.

The house is a six bay by one bay, two story with attic Seneca sandstone structure which faces north. It consists of two parts and has a low front slope. The windows are double hung, 6 over 6 pane, flanked by louvered shutters. There are large dressed stone lintels across window and door openings and stone window and door sills. There are interior chimneys at each end of the house and one stack rising from the roof, indicating where the original exterior west wall of the house was located.

The larger, east portion of the house, built 1835, shows features of Georgian influence in the symmetrical arrangement of center doorway, window above, and windows on each side.

An addition built to the west, 1855-1865, joins the original house with a continuous stone wall, both front and back. Doorway, double hung 6 over 6 pane windows, heavy stone lintels and smaller stone sills, match those of the original house in form, but with a different arrangement. Each doorway has a straight, 4 light transom.

The west facade is a stone wall with an interior brick chimney flanked by two four-pane attic windows.

The south facade of the stone house has two double hung, 6 over 6 pane windows on the first floor and three on the second floor. On the second there is also one six pane easement window. The one-story frame additions project from the south side of the main block. On these additions there is one door, one double hung, and 5 small, casement windows. The roof of the west addition is of asbestos shingles, that of the center addition, patterned tin.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A story and a half log building now used as the kitchen and covered with asbestos siding is attached to the main block of the stone house by a frame structure. The south slope of the asbestos shingle roof of the log building is pierced by a dormer containing two four-pane windows. On the east facade of the asbestos covered wall of the log kitchen there is a massive stone chimney with a brick chimney stack, flanked by two four-pane windows at the loft level. The east facade of the main block is stone with an interior brick chimney and two four-pane windows at the attic level. This log building is believed to date possibly as early as the original portion of the house.

INTERIOR

The plan of the original house has two rooms on the first level and two on the second, with no hall. An enclosed stairway with a simple hand rail rising from the west room opens into the two rooms at each level.

The present dining room, the east of these two rooms, is entered directly from the exterior by a door in the north wall. One window in this wall, the four-light transom above the door, and two panes of glass in the door furnish the only light to the dining room. The fireplace on the east wall has reeded pilasters on each side of the mantel, and a design of a carved bevel effect on the frieze under the mantel shelf. This mantel design is found in three other houses in Poolsville. (See footnote #9 on SIGNIFICANCE.) One door in the west wall opens onto the stairway, and one door onto a sitting room.

The present sitting room, the west room of the two original ones on the first floor, has a window in the north wall and a window in the south wall. Woodwork in this and the dining room has paneling. A simple molded design is used on the door and window reveals and architraves, chair rail, and baseboard. The 24" sandstone window sills, extending from exterior to interior wall, are covered by wooden sills. A four foot high paneled door opens onto a closet beneath the stairs. The fireplace and mantel on the west wall match those in the dining room.

A door in the west wall containing a one-piece 24" stone sill opens onto the hall of the 1855-1865 addition. The hall runs the depth of the house and is four feet wide. The north doorway of the hall, which is now the main entrance to the house, has a six-panel door surmounted by a four-light transom.

At the south end of the hall, a former exterior door now opens onto a large one-story frame addition built in 1954.

To the west of the hall is a large living room. Two deepset, double-hung windows are in the north wall and one in the center of the south wall. The fireplace and mantel on the west wall match those in the sitting room and dining room. The

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woodwork in this room and the hall is similar to that in the sitting room and dining room, but simpler in design.

The second floor of the main block contains a hall and three bedrooms, corresponding with the three rooms below and containing the same window and fireplace arrangement. A door in one bedroom opens to a full, floored attic.

All floors, on both levels, are of random width, wide, boards. The walls are all of plaster over lath.

As mentioned earlier, a one-story, ell-shaped addition connects the log kitchen, hall, and bath. It opens from the south side of the dining room (on the east side of the house). The walls of the log building are exposed on the interior. Heavy, smoke blackened beams cross the ceiling. The east wall contains a stone cooking fireplace with iron crane in place. An enclosed stairway leads to a slleping room above.

OUTBUILDINGS

- DAIRY located across a walkway from the kitchen building. Rectangular 12' X 10'. Walls are of uncoursed stone. Projecting gable roof of hand cut shingles. Circa 1830s.
- 2. BARN 41' X 39', built of wood on a stone foundation, probably late 19th century.
- 3. GARAGE cinderblock, located far south of the house, on the edge of the boundary of the ten acres nominated. Built for some farm function unknown to the present owners, and seldom used by them. It has seven windows on the north and south elevations, on first and second floors. The roof is gabled. There are sliding doors on the east side. Circa 1920.

ACREAGE JUSTIFICATION

Ten acres of land are included in the nomination to visually maintain the historic rural setting of Valhalla and its contributing outbuildings. The house and the outbuildings set .2 mile from White's Ferry Road (Maryland Route 107) and are reached by a drive that leads an almost straight path over fairly flat terrain with the complex forming a focal point as the drive is entered. In determining the actual boundaries, lines of convenience formed by visual and physical factors, White's Ferry Road on the north and a fence line on the south, and existing property lines along the east and west boarders were utilized so as to establish easily understood boundaries.

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SIGNIFICANCE

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The significance of Valhalla lies in its architecture as an example of a type of construction which was common in the mid-19th century in northwestern Montgomery County but of which only two or three examples exist today. Valhalla, built in 1835 and enlarged in 1855-1865, was one of the first large buildings erected in this section of the county to use the local red brown stone which heretofore had been used almost exclusively in small cottages, slave quarters, barns and foundations of frame and log houses Valhalla also has the heavy four-square proportions and lack of decorative detailing on the exterior which are common to Montgomery County's rural architecture of the mid-nineteenth century.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Valhalla was built in 1835 for Sarah Poole and Isaac Jones, each third generation descendants of the earliest families to settle Montgomery County, (1) which families, in 1835, continued to have large landholdings and to dominate the farming industry and representation in public life.(2)

The size of the property inherited by Sarah in the division of her father's estate, (3) 354 acres, was the typical size of a working farm where the practice of cultivation of tobacco had given way to cultivation of grain crops. (4) The 354 acres were part of two tracts called Partnership and Aix-la-Chappelle, names of original land grants, portions of which John Poole II has bought in 1808. (5)

Prosperous farmers built large houses during this period, but only two others had built large houses of stone in a classical design when Sarah and Isaac Jones built their house. (6) Neither of these earlier examples exist today.

The influence of Georgian design is seen in the original part of the house in its symmetry, pitched roof, flat arches, transom lights, paneled doors, and double hung sash windows.

Contrasting with this formal arrangement, the stone is of varied size, laid without courses and without quoining.

The interior shows refinement in the carved molding on the window and door reveals, architraves, chair rail, baseboards, and paneled doors. The exterior wood trim, on the other hand, is very plain.

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The kitchen building of log with stone chimney was characteristically a separate building. The stone dairy situated near the kitchen door is still standing.

Isaac Jones died in 1840 and Sarah and her two daughters continued to occupy the house. In 1852, Sarah married her widowed brother-in-law, Thomas L. Jones, who had six young children. Sarah and Thomas L. Jones had one son, Fremont, so there were three families of children growing up at the farm. (7)

It was sometime after this 1852 marriage that a fire occurred, damaging the house severely. With the dramatic increase in the size of the family, repair following the fire was extended to the construction of a large addition to the main block of the stone house. A diary kept by one of the daughters refers to the fun of camping out in the barn like gypsies one summer while the house was being worked on.(8)

The addition made the house about 50% larger and asymmetrical, but retained the solid massiveness and proportion. The house was probably re-roofed at this time since no joining is visible in the slate tile roof. The type of patterning of three diamond designed in the roof is usually attributed to a period around 1860. Another architectural feature fixing the addition at around 1860 is the carving of the mantels in the "new" living room addition and the two matching ones in the older part of the house, possibly replacing damaged ones. The unusual beveled design of the frieze of the mantel can be seen in three other houses near Poolesville, which were built between 1850 and 1865 (9).

Assessment records between 1842 and 1876 show both Sarah and Thomas L. Jones to be the owners of substantial personal property. (10).

Sarah Jones lived at Friendship, as she called the property, for eighty years. When she died her daughter, Priscilla, sold the farm out of the Poole-Jones families, and it changed hands several times until bought by the present owners in 1944 (11) A 1920 Equity Court record gives a good description of the property and the buildings. (12)

Regarding the name of the property, it continued as Part of Partnership and Part of Aix-la-Chappelle in assessment records from 1838 to 1908, when the then 312 acres with improvements changes to Friendship.(13) In 1915 the acreage now reduced to 201 acres, is still called Friendship.(14) The present owner, being of German descent and a career military man, named it Valhalla after the mythical home of fallen heroes.

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The owners in 1938, Chauncey and Marion Snow, installed central heat, electricity and plumbing. They built a frame addition to connect the log kitchen building to the stone house. The stone fireplace and crane of the log kitchen are still in place.

Two 1936 photographs made by the Historic American Buildings Survey, which describes Valhalla as "fieldstone house, two stories, early 19th century" (15), show the house to be much the same as it is today.

The present owners built another one story addition at the rear of the house containing a large bedroom in 1954.

Valhalla retains its traditional early rural environmental setting. The house, surrounded by extensive lawns, large shade trees, and a boxwood garden, is set well back from a main road and is reached by a tree lined driveway.

Valhalla further retains its architectural significance today in depicting the size, material and style of house built in rural Montgomery County in 1835, clearly visible in the original portion and two of its outbuildings. The early addition attesting change in family needs, duplicates some of the architectural details of the original and adds a few details of its own period, 1855-65. While now contributing to its significance, later additions do not detract from the clearly stated design of the original stone building. It is an important feature of the historic rural landscape of Montgomery County, Maryland.

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¹ Martha Sprigg Poole, The Poole Family, Descendants of John and Priscilla Poole of Montgomery County, Maryland, second edition, 1973. Unpublished. Located Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Maryland, page 3.

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⁶The Dawson House, built 1808, now in ruins. Located on <u>Locational</u> Atlas of Index of <u>Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland.</u> Map 13, Site 17-40, Coordinate A-9, Published by MNCPPC, Silver Spring, Maryland, 1976. House built by a member of the Young family. Located on HOPKIN'S ATLAS, Published 1878, Washington, D.C. Page: Medley District, shown as house of David Young. House demolished in 1957.

Martha Sprigg Poole, The Poole Family, page 52.

⁸Interview with Miss Katherine Poole, May, 1978.

91 Stevens House, Poolesville, Maryland. Built 1850

2. Two story addition to Dr. Thomas Poole House, Poolesville, Maryland, Built 1860.

3. Two story Victorian addition to Mt. Nebo. Near Poolesville, Maryland, built circa 1860.

Montgomery County Assessment Records. Located Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland. 1837-1842, 1869-1876.

Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland, Montgomery County Courthouse. Liber 258, Folio 119.

 12 Montgomery County Equity Case $\underline{^{3664}}$ Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland 1920.

"Ten room stone dwelling with frame addition, six rooms being in stone part and four rooms in frame part. There is a stable to accommodate about six horses. There is a cow stable, two corn houses, chicken houses, meathouse and dairy and some other small outbuildings. The farm is well fenced and is well watered by streams, spring and a well."

13 Assessment Records Montgomery County 1908, page 64.

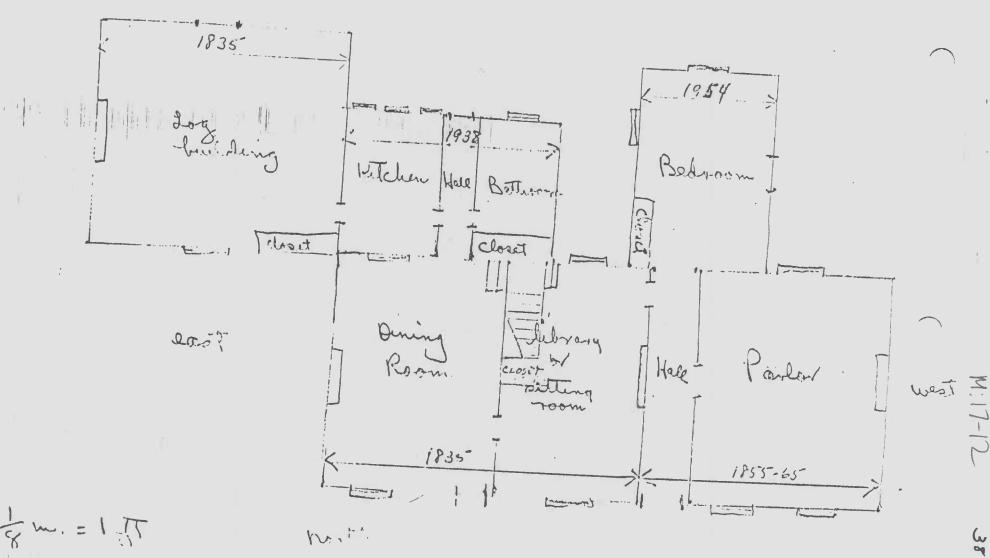
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- 9. Description: The house is hidden from the road and faces north. It was built in two sections; the log part has fieldstone foundation and chimney, and a gable roof, and is covered with asbestos shingle siding. The other section is of uncoursed sandstone, and has on center and two interior end chimneys. A central hallway dominates the interior. A stairway, living room, sitting room and frame addition lead from the hall. The flooring is random width; the walls plaster over lath.
- 10. Significance: This stone house was built in the mid-nineteenth century in Poolesville by the daughter of the town founder. Valhalla was built by the former Sarah Poole on 213½ acres of land inherited in 1835 from her father, John Poole II, founder of Poolesville. She married her cousin, Isaac Jones, in 1833, and his brother, Thomas, in 1852. The property was sold out of the Poole family in 1915. Subdivision began shortly thereafter. The present owner has retained 26.34 acres with the stone house. The name, Valhalla, was given by the present owner, after the mythical home of fallen heroes.

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This large sandstone and log house is in good condition and has been added to. It is hidden from the road and faces north.

Built in two sections, the log house has fieldstone foundations and is one and a half stories high. It is covered by asbestos shingle siding and has a gable roof covered by asbestos shingles. The sandstone section of the house is constructed of uncoursed sandstone. The north (front) elevation is six bays across. Two stone steps lead to the paneled door which is surmounted by a four light transom. On the south elevation, at the southeast corner, a porch was enclosed and converted into a kitchen. Throughout the house there are six over six double hung windows flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. In the stone section all windows have sandstone lintels and sills. On the south elevation of the log house there is a pent-roofed dormer window. The stone house has a gable roof covered by asbestos shingles. At the east and west gable ends of the stone house there are interior end chimneys. At the center of the stone house there is a chimney. At the east end of the log house there is a fieldstone chimney.

Entering the house through the north front door one comes immediately into a central hallway. West of the hall is the living room. At the south end of the hall is a recent frame addition. East of the hall is a small sitting room. East of the sitting room is the dining room. Between the sitting and dining rooms is a single run, closed string stairway with a simple hand rail. Three steps from either of the two rooms leads to a landing from which the stairway rises from south to north. Flooring is random width floor boards and the walls appear to be plaster over lath. The doorways in the stone house have molded surrounds and the doors are paneled. The doors have box locks and enameled knobs. Windows are set into 24" walls.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Valhalla, a stone house located on route 107 near Poolesville, Md. was built in the mid-nineteenth century, on land owned by Mrs. Sarah Poole Jones, descendant of the original Poole family in Poolesville.

Between the years 1808 and 1815, John Poole II acquired parts of the lands entitled Aix La Chapelle and Partnership. When he died intestate in 1825 a court of equity appointed commissioners to divide the property among his heirs. Of the 12 parcels resulting from this division, Poole's daughter Sarah and her husband Isaac Jones received the 354½ acre unimproved lot #6, part of Aix La Chapelle and Partnership. This is the lot on which the house, Valhalla, presently owned by Mr. & Mrs. F. F. Bernsdorff, stands.

The transfer of ownership of this property is sketchy for the years ollowing the equity case in 1835 through the next documented transfer in 1915, when the land left the Jones family. Miss Sarah Poole married Isaac Jones, her first cousin, in 1833 (two years before she inherited the property). Isaac Jones died by 1840; in 1852 Sarah Jones married her brother-in-law, Thomas Jones. The Martenet and Bond Map of 1865 shows Thomas Jones as the owner of this now improved property. Thomas Jones died in 1873.

Priscilla Jones, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Jones, is shown as the owner of this property on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878. Priscilla Jones sold this property, containing $213\frac{1}{2}$ acres, to Walter Fyffe in 1915. Walter Fyffe died intestate in 1920. The inheritance question for the property again had to be submitted to a court of equity. It was found that the land could not be divided without loss, so the court ordered the land sold.

Arthur H. Cromwell purchased the property for \$15,158.50, b later selling off 100 unimproved acres. In 1938, Mr. Cromwell sold the property to Chauncey D. and Marion W. Snow; they in turn sold it to its present owners, Fletcher Ferdinand and Jane McKay Bernsdorff, in 1944.

The Bernsdorffs subsequently sold off approximately 87 acres of the land, 10 retaining 2 26.34 acre tract containing the stone house. Col. Bernsdorff being a career soldier and of German descent, he and his wife named the place "Valhalla", after the mythical home of fallen heroes.11

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NOMINATION FORM

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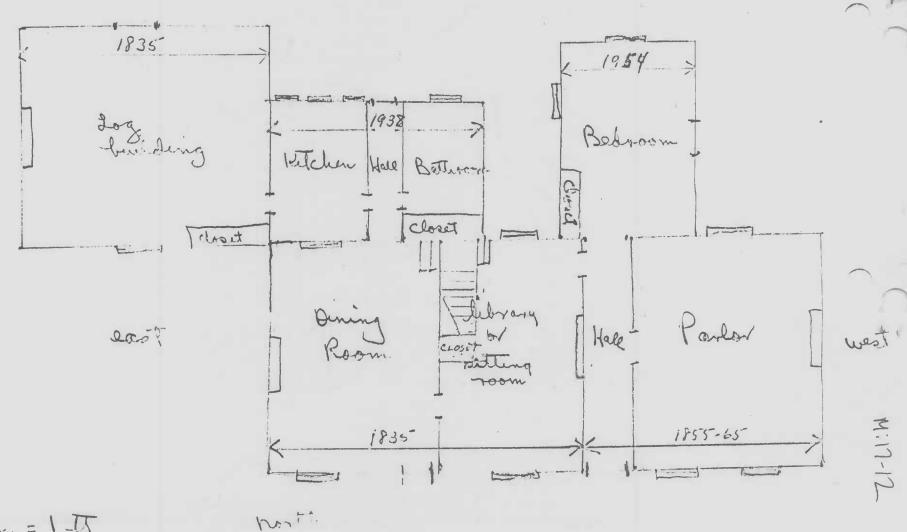
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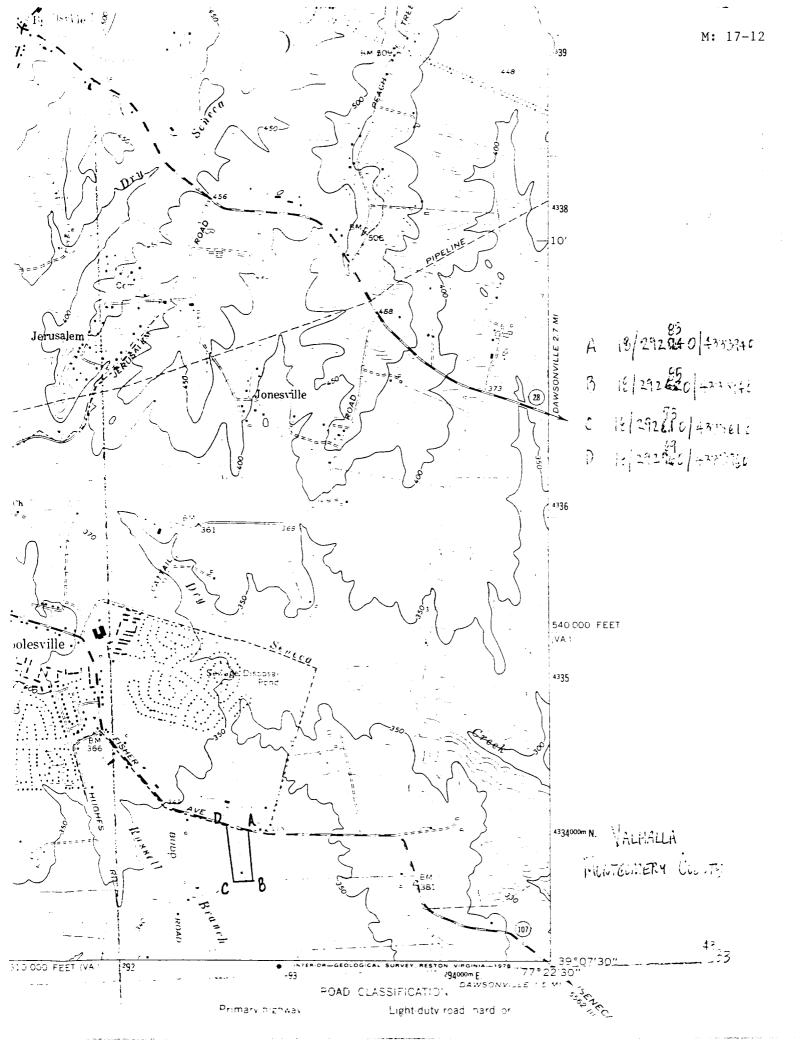
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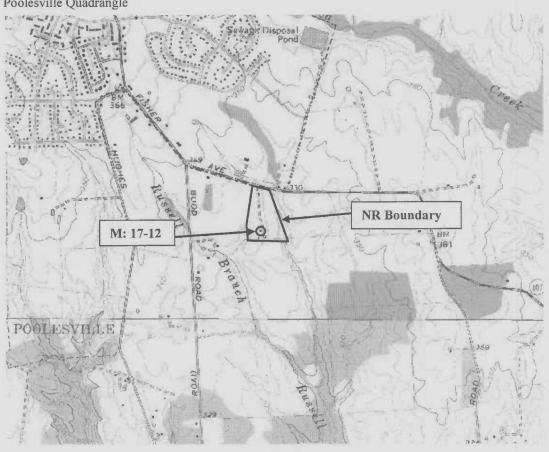
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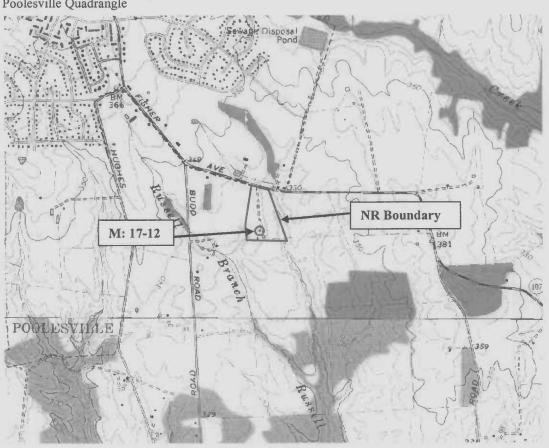
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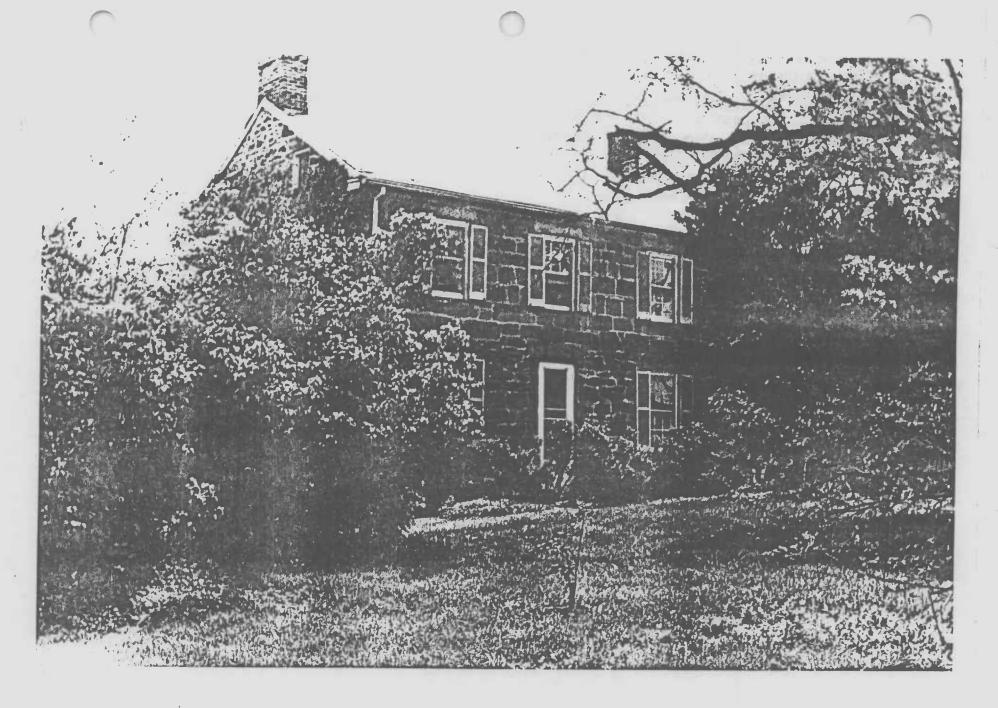
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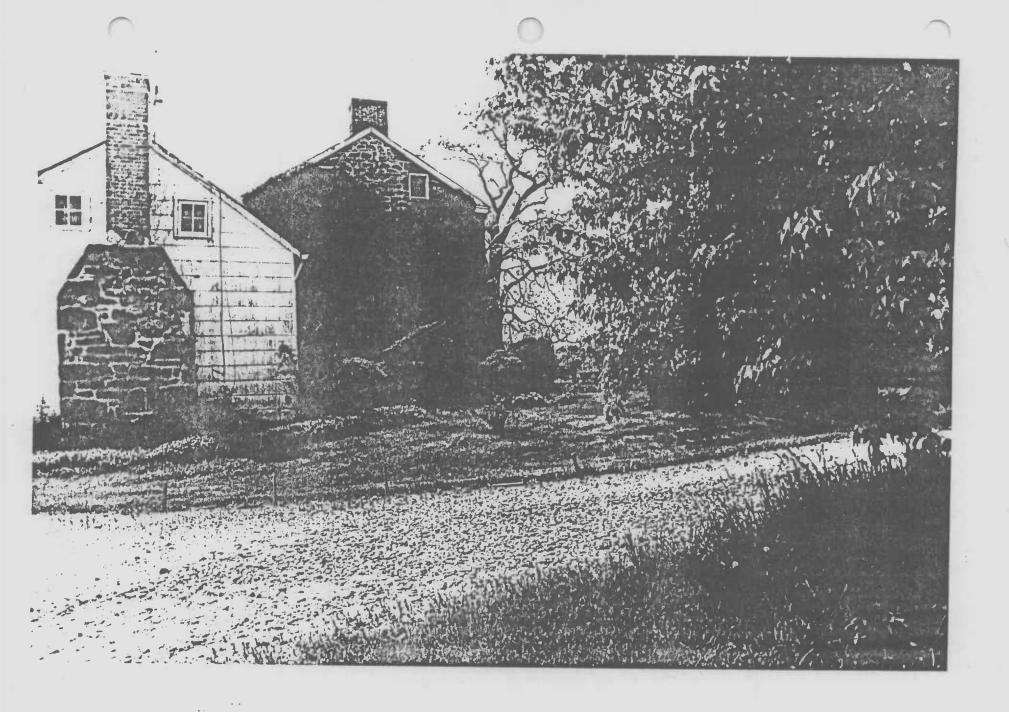


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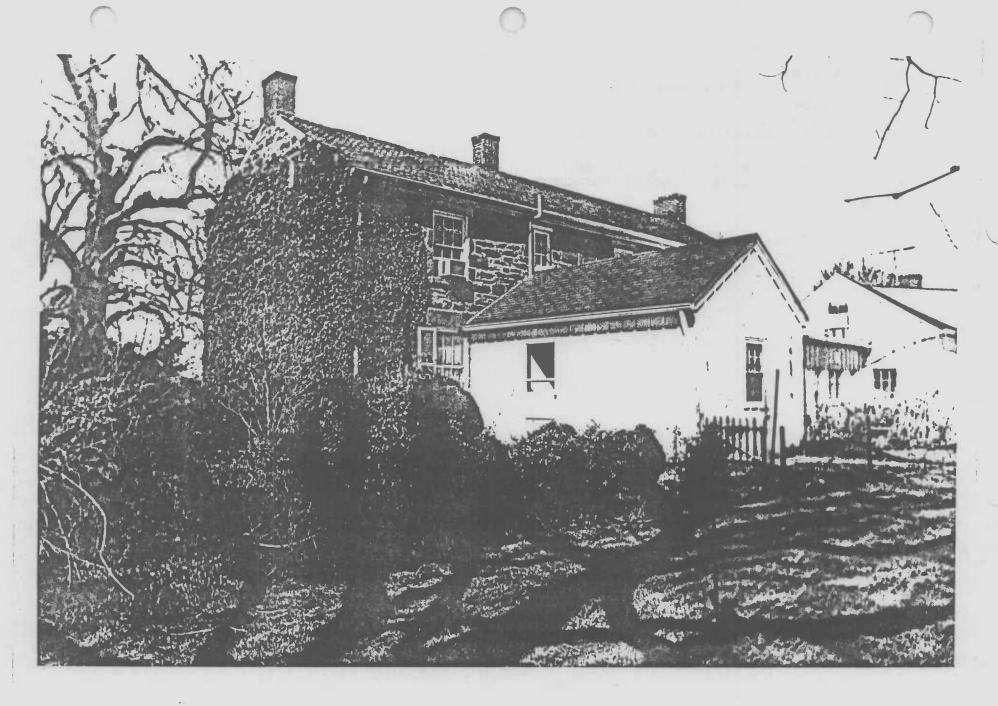
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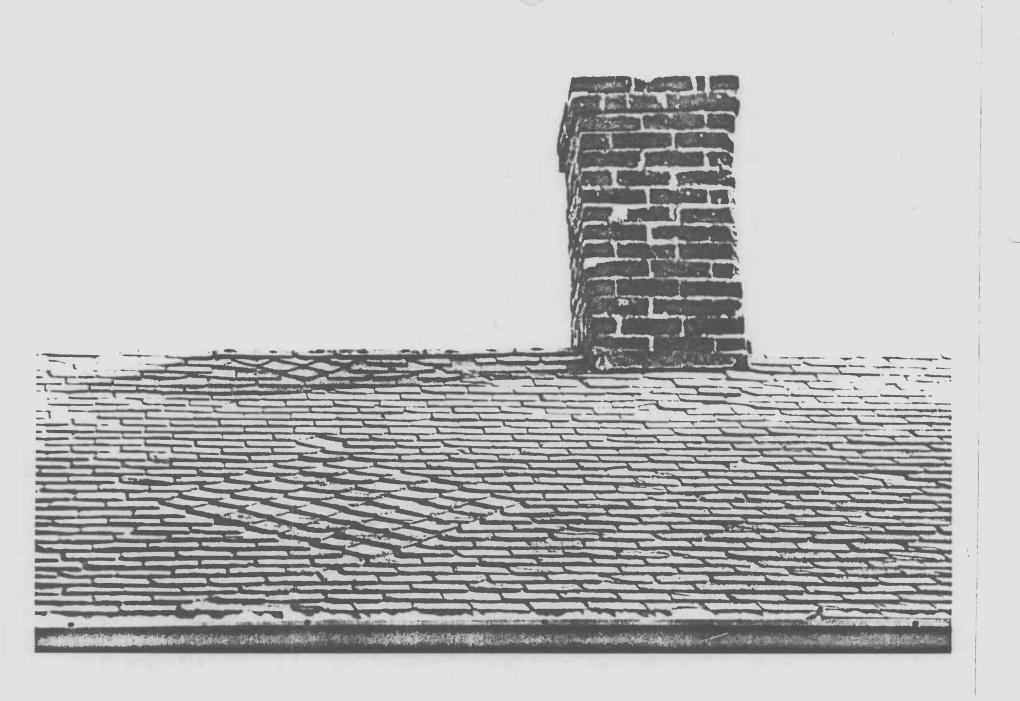
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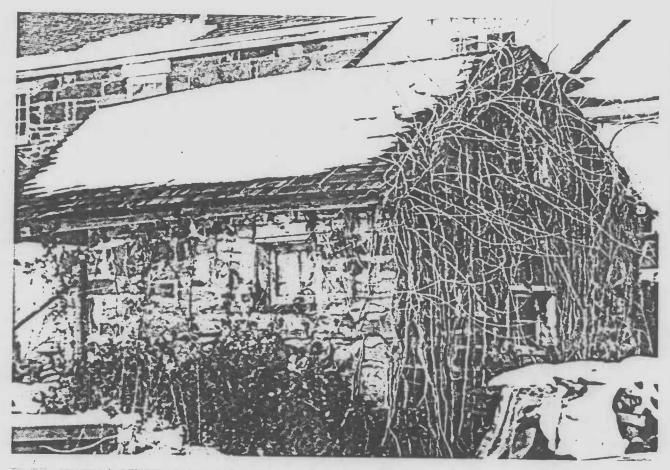
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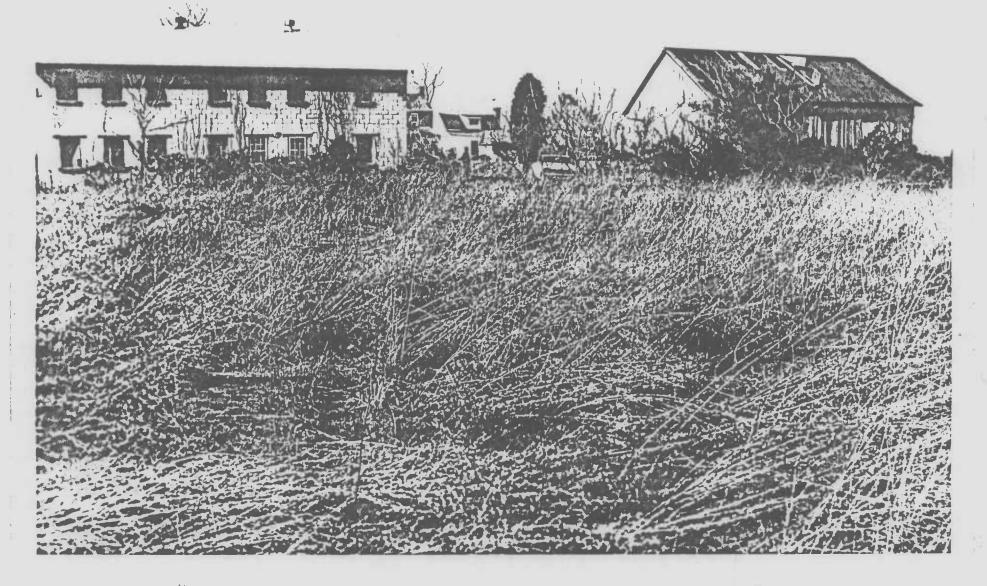
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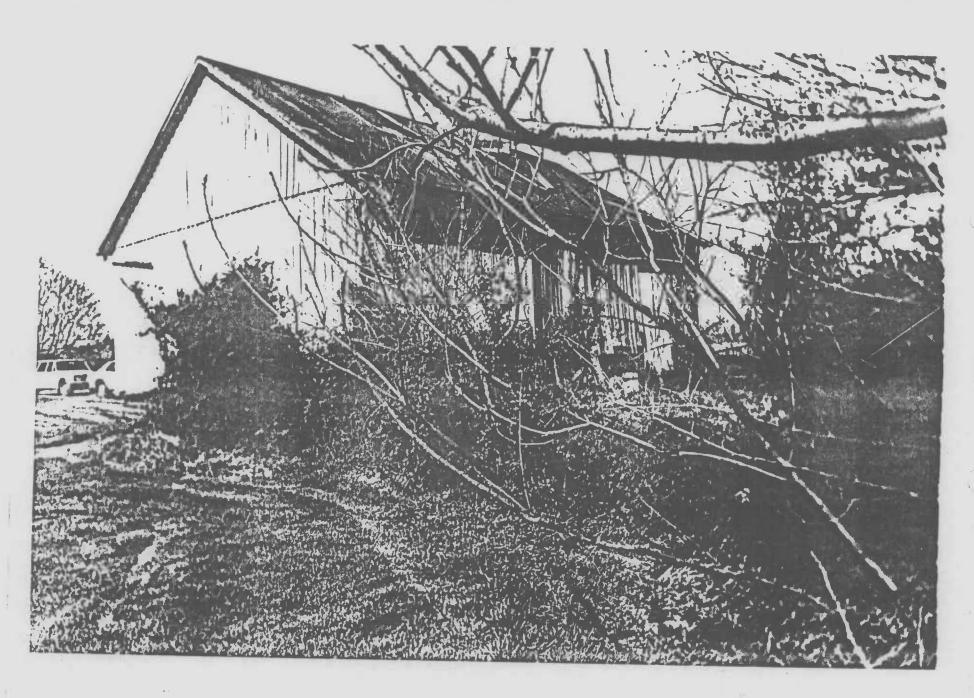
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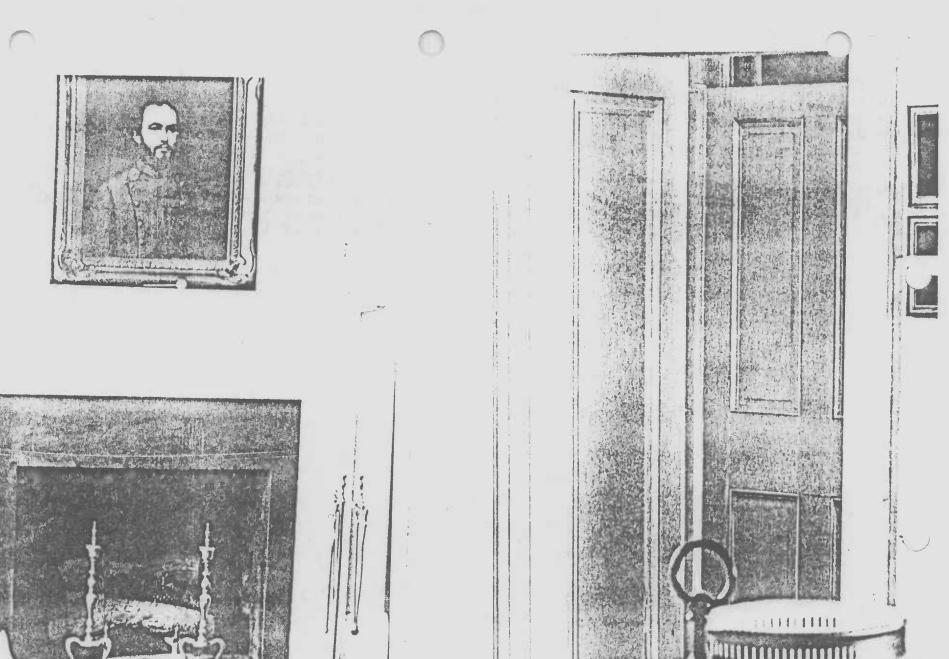
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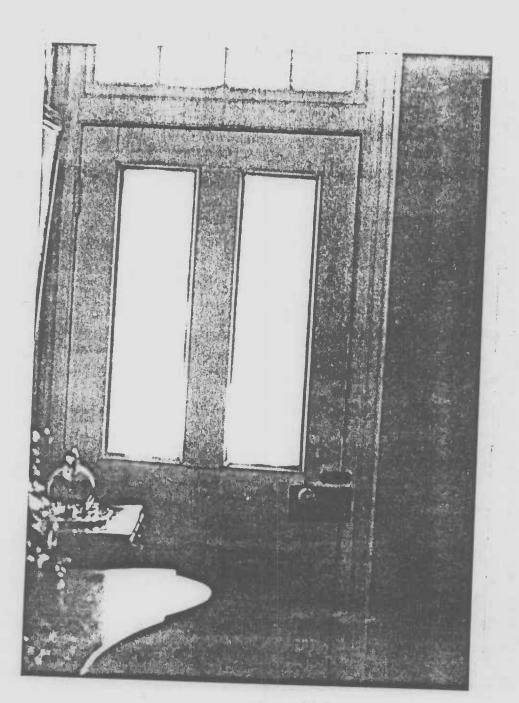
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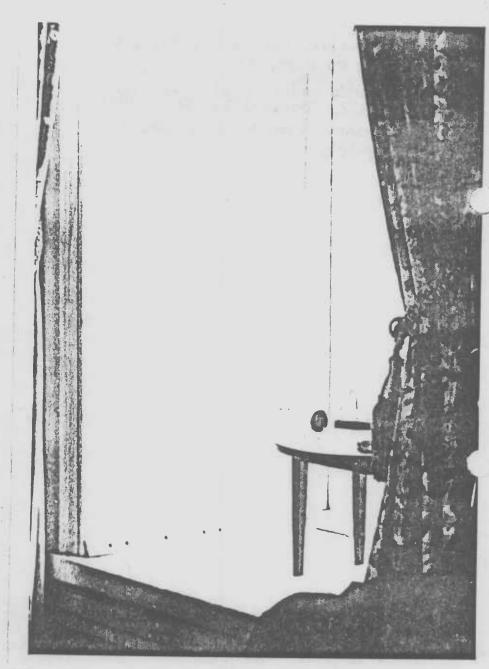
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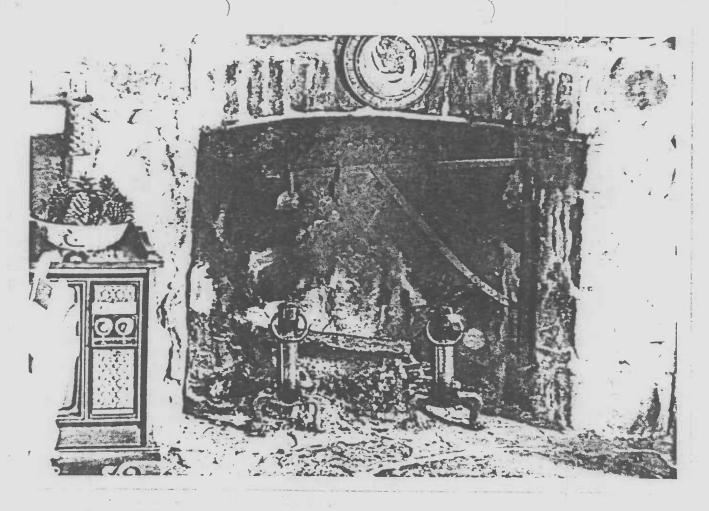
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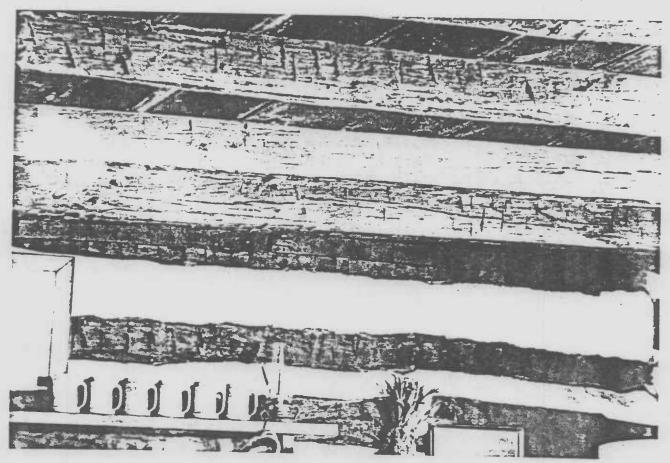
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